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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03180-0285-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Kunihiro MITSUTAKE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2857  
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Application No.: 09/931,916 ) Examiner: Baran, Mary C.  
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Filed: August 20, 2001 )  
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For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND ) Confirmation No.: 4340  
COMPUTER PROGRAM OF )  
SEARCHING FOR CLUSTERING )  
FAULTS IN SEMICONDUCTOR )  
DEVICE MANUFACTURING )

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of February 20, 2004. The items checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$110.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

|   | Claims Remaining<br>After Amendment |   | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate    | Additional Fee |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------|----------------|
| Total   | 24                                  | - | 22                                | 2             | x \$ 18 | \$ 36.00       |
| Indep.  | 12                                  | - | 11                                | 1             | x \$ 86 | 86.00          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) |                                     |   |                                   |               | +\$290  | -0-            |
| Subtotal  |                                     |   |                                   |               |         | \$ 122.00      |
| Reduction by 1/2 if small entity                                      |                                     |   |                                   |               |         | - -0-          |
| TOTAL   |                                     |   |                                   |               |         | \$ 122.00      |

- ☒ A fee of \$122.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- ☒ A check for \$232.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: May 20, 2004

By:   
Frank A. Italiano  
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